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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

The reason for this letter is to express to you my support for the settlement that was reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. I trust you will demonstrate decisive support for this settlement.

Forces that are negative toward Microsoft may try to have this settlement withdrawn and this case resumed. This would be unfortunate because both and Microsoft and the DOJ have spent millions of dollars on this case and much time as well. The anti- Microsoft crowd argues that this settlement is too lenient. A careful study of the settlement will reveal the contrary. The settlement will end any contractual restrictions that may be harmful to Microsoft competitors. Additionally this settlement will force Microsoft to share design code with competitors allowing them to create more competitive software. Microsoft concedes much in this settlement; there is no reason for further federal litigation.

I count on you to do your best for what is in the best interests of the American people: to implement this settlement, bring closure to this case, and to open American business once again to the blessings of technological innovation.

Thank you.

With highest regards,

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